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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB00/00807 filed March 9, 2000. This application also claims priority to application number 9905807.5 filed in Great Britain on March 12, 1999.

In the Claims

Please amend page 13, line 1 as follows:

[CLAIMS]

What is claimed is: